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P E T I T I O N

OF

MRS. E. O. WREN,

FOR RELIEF.

To the Honorable

The Senators and Representatives,

In Congress assembled.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

STATE OF NEW YORK.

CITY OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS.

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To the Honorable

The Senators and Representatives.

In Congress assembled.

Respectfully represents Mrs. ELEANOR O. WREN, of the City of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, who prays that the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) may be awarded her for services performed and means expended, while enlisted in and devoted to the Union army, during the late rebellion.

Your petitioner, Mrs. E. O. Wren, rehearses—That she is a widow, with her youngest child yet dependent on her. That she is *now* poor and aged; and, considering that she has a claim for services performed, she begs that she may be equitably dealt with.

In the year 1861, the month of September, your petitioner enlisted as Matron in the 61st Regiment, New York Volunteers, taking with her in the same regiment, her *four* sons, all of whom served faithfully; two of said sons having been dis-

charged after two years' service, for disability. The other two sons serving three years and more.

That, before enlisting as above stated, she sold off her household furniture and what property she had—investing most of her capital in fine hospital stores, which were taken with the regiment to the Army of the Potomac at Camp California, and there gratuitously distributed to the 1st Brigade of Sumner's old division and likewise to the Second or Irish Brigade, thus inaugurating a private Sanitary Commission. She remained with the army during their movements, having charge of Clermont Hospital in the winter of 1861 and 1862, until a general order was issued forbidding Matrons to accompany the troops in the field; she then took charge of Judiciary Square Hospital, in Washington, reforming many of the abuses of that institution. Failing health obliged a relinquishment of that position. With the residue of her means, she rented the houses No. 441 and 444 K Street, Washington, D. C., and devoted her time to the relief and cure of the soldiers. In the memorable Antietam and Gettysburg campaigns, when the streets were filled with ill and dying men, she not only kept open house herself, but, by her example and adjuration, induced many of her neighbors, Secessionists as well as Unionists, to open their doors to the wounded and weary. The certificates accompanying (most of which have been procured this year—1869), show that she was of great service to the cause, expended all she had, receiving nothing in liquidation, either from the soldiers or government, excepting one payment of seventy-five dollars (\$75), which she was advised to take, in order to identify her as being with the troops regularly enlisted. Trusting that necessity would never arise to need what she so freely expended, no effort was made by her to call attention to her thorough and unostentatious labor. She was better known by the rank and file than by officials; the few officers of note who know her, among the which may be mentioned Generals O. O. Howard, Charles Howard, Balloch, Barlow, and Nelson A. Miles, all testify to her devotedness. Her neighbors of Brooklyn and Washington prove her single-mindedness, the giving up of herself, her family, and means to the Union; and if advertisement were made for testimonials from her thousands

of patients, it is but reasonable to think that hundreds might be presented in the place of the tens here recorded. Her humanity and kindness extended also to our wounded prisoners. In fine, had it been her intent to glorify herself, long ere this a volume in her praise would have been written. In many extreme and dangerous cases, when wounded men were languishing in the different Washington hospitals, herself and two little daughters by their constant visiting and kindness gave the sufferers that sympathy which is so necessary to effect convalescence. In many cases given up by the surgeons of the different hospitals, Mrs. Wren got the patients' furloughs, and bringing them to her own domicile, saved their lives. Her medical skill as an electrician and magnetic physician was used with the best effect. After she left the regiment, when any of the men or officers were wounded, if they could possibly get to Washington, they went at once to their *mother's* house, trusting to her influence with President Lincoln to get them leave to stop there instead of at hospitals.

On one occasion after the battles of the Wilderness, two wounded officers, Captain James Cooke and Captain Welsh, were on their way to Mrs. Wren's hospital. They were stopped by the provost guard and papers asked for, but their condition was so pitiable, and they seemed to attach so much importance to arriving there soon in order to recover, that the provost allowed the carriage containing them to pass on.

It may be well to mention an instance or two of the effect of surroundings and sympathy on the desperately wounded. Little Willie Mins was brought to Washington helpless and hopeless; a shell had struck his face and carried away his nose, one eye, and part of the jaw; the moment he knew his guardian nurse, Mrs. Wren, was near him, he became hopeful, and with constant care and assiduity on the part of Mrs. Wren and her two young daughters, was fed with a spoon for weeks until a carriage could convey him from the University College Hospital to the house of Mrs. Wren; in some months he recovered and owes his life, he says, to Mrs. Wren. Sergeant Post (*vide* certificate No. 13, appended) was shot through the abdomen and bladder—after one year and a half was able to walk with crutches—now walks erect and as well as any man,

and is preaching the Gospel as a Methodist minister, in order, as he says, to pay his debt of gratitude to the goodness of his Creator, as manifested through the means of Mrs. Wren. Phineas Dodge, now residing somewhere in Wisconsin, was shot in the spinal column, paralyzed; after weeks of attention, he revived, and is now hale and well.

Her attentions were not confined to any one class or kind of men: rebels as well as Unionists were kindly used. William Montgomery lay in Stanton Hospital; seeing Mrs. Wren's success in very bad cases, Dr. Wilson gave permission for Mrs. Wren to treat the man. For four months he had lain paralyzed, unable even to feed himself; in one week, he could sit up, eventually recovered, and is now living at White Plains, Pocahontas Co., Virginia. Emory Simons, Co. E, 61st N. Y. V., had a difficult operation performed on his mouth and jaw. What need of more instances as to your petitioner's devotion. Her regret is that it becomes now a necessity to appeal for aid.

Your petitioner asks a careful perusal of the following papers:—

No. 1 is a pass from camp to Alexandria, merely introduced to show Mrs. Wren's *status* in the Brigade.

(COPY.)

Gen. Sumner's Division, Gen. Howard's Brigade,
Camp California, Va., *December 13, 1861.*

Pass Mrs. E. O. Wren, Matron 61st Regiment, N. Y. S. V., to Alexandria and Washington.

(Signed),

O. O. HOWARD,
Brig. Gen. Commanding.

No. 2 is likewise published for the same purpose as No. 1.

(COPY.)

Camp California, *Jan. 6, 1862.*

Mrs. Wren, Matron, will proceed to the Regimental Hospital at "Clermont," and continue to act there as housekeeper and general overseer. The surgeon will take instant measures to put at Mrs. Wren's disposal a comfortable room or tent, as housekeeper's quarters.

Mrs. Wren is instructed that it is of especial importance that the nourishment of the men in hospital should be carefully attended to. She will therefore oversee the cooks, and be careful to provide herself with such necessaries as may be required.

SPENCER W. CONE,
Col. Com'd'g 61st Reg., N. Y. V.

Mrs. Wren's own necessities were the only ones obtainable, for at that time the typhus fever and small-pox were raging in the camps; and though many requisitions for sanitary stores were made, few could be filled.

No. 3.

Desiring that the post of Matron of Brigade might be given to Mrs. Wren, the colonel gave her this testimonial to Dr. Palmer, Brigade Surgeon. The doctor was desirous of so appointing her, but discovered that there was no such position allowed by army regulations, so that though virtually Matron of Brigade, Mrs. Wren was only rated as Regimental Matron.

(COPY.)

Camp California, *Jan.* 27, 1862.

Mrs. Eleanor Wren has been with my regiment as a Volunteer Nurse almost since its first organization, and has been in every way most useful. She has gained the esteem and confidence of all the men of the command by her constant and kindly attentions. I have every confidence in her patriotic devotion and uprightness of character.

Signed by

S. W. CONE, Col. Comd'g 61st Reg., N. Y. V.
CHAS. T. RIPLEY, Capt. Co. K.
C. P. BERGEN, Lieut. Co. K.
D. HENRIQUES, Capt. Co. D.
GEO. W. SCOTT, 1st Lieut. Co. D.
Lieut. D. E. GREGORY, Adjutant.
ROBERT H. ELLIS, Quartermaster.
DAVID JACKSON, Capt. Co. E.

No. 4.

(COPY.)

U. S. General Hospital, Judiciary Square,
Washington, D. C., *June* 30, 1863.

I hereby certify that Mrs. E. O. Wren was for a time in this General Hospital; I believe her to be thoroughly honest and well meaning, and entirely conscientious in the discharge of her duties.

CALVIN G. PAGE,
Act'g Ass't Surgeon, U. S. A., in charge of Hospital.

No. 5,

Is merely a certificate from P. M. Patten, U. S. A., acknowledging that Mrs. Wren received no pay from him.

(COPY.)

Mrs. Eleanor Wren, Matron, 61st N. Y. Vols., was enrolled September 19, 1861, and has never been paid by me.

WM. PATTEN, P. M., U. S. A.

per R. G. P.

No. 6.

Letter from Major Masset.

(COPY.)

In front of Yorktown, Va., *April 25, 1862.*

DEAR MRS. WREN,—

Your son John, on his arrival with the camp guard from Alexandria, handed me a package of cough medicine. For it my best thanks. Dr. Palmer says that the first stationary hospital he forms, you shall have charge again as Matron. The sick boys are complaining bitterly at Ship Point. I saw your son George to-day, he has been quite unwell, but is better. We expect to have wounds shortly, and want you with us. My cough is better than it was when you first gave me the mixture, and now I have some again. Shall soon get well.

Your true friend,

MASSETT.

No. 7.

New York City, *Jan. 12, 1862.*

MRS. WREN,—

Dear Foster Mother: My own mother and sister send their love to you for the watching of me in camp. They desire me to say that as soon as we come back to New York, you must pay them a long visit. Please God I shall be able to return to duty by the time my leave expires, so shall soon return. Regards to your boys, and with best love for yourself, I am

Your dutiful son,

JOS. TRAINOR, Capt. Co. B.

No. 8.

A note written by Adjutant Gregory's wife when in Camp California, during the winter of 1861-62.

(COPY.)

DEAR MRS. WREN,—

Do let me have a little cough medicine for David's throat; it does him more good than Dr. Snow's prescription. I shan't offend you again by offering payment, but shall pay you in another way—the way you like—by never ceasing to talk of your goodness, and recommending you to the boys as a first-rate doctor and nurse. Send right away, by the colored boy, and oblige me.

No. 9.

(COPY.)

I take pleasure in stating that Mrs. Wren labored very efficiently in the capacity of Matron of the 61st New York Volunteers. She came out with the regiment in the fall of '61. Her kindness and sympathy for the sick and disabled won her the respect and gratitude of those to whom she ministered. Her ladylike demeanor and sympathetic nature was only equaled by her zeal in imparting relief and comfort to the suffering. Having contributed four sons to the strength of the regiment and army of the Union, she gave herself also, in caring for those who shared the perils of the camp and field.

H. C. VOGELL,

Ass't Surgeon in charge of 2d corps train.

In the field, *April* 30, 1863.

No. 10.

(COPY.)

In the field, Va., *June* 25, 1863.

ESTEEMED MADAM,—

Thankful for all the kindness you have shown me, I am back again with the command. My wound is almost healed, thanks to your ointment. So with God's blessings on you, I remain

Your affectionate friend,

JAMES E. OWENS,

1st Lieut. Co. B., 61st N. Y. V.

No. 11.

(COPY.)

This is to certify that Mrs. Wren has been of good service for the past three years. Having enlisted with her four sons in our regiment. Since leaving the field, she has been of much use in comforting the sick and wounded men in the hospitals around Washington.

JOHN BOARDMAN,

Co. C, 61st Reg't, N. Y. S. Vols.

In Columbia Hospital, *Sept.* 22, 1864.

No. 12.

(COPY.)

U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

Camp 61st N. Y. Vols., *July 8, 1865.*

MRS. E. O. WREN,—

Dear Mother,—for as such you have always been to me. We having received orders last night to be mustered out of service, as soon as the rolls are ready, I thought I could do no less than to apprise you of it, thinking that probably you would like to see the few remaining "*Vets.*" before we started for the great metropolis of New York, or perhaps go with us. One thing, mother, I wish to say is, that I can never forget your kindness, and as soon as we arrive in New York I will write to you.

Yours, with respect,

JOHN W. HILTON.

No. 13.

(COPY.)

No. 240 South Third St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

January 28, 1867.

With pleasure I bear witness to Mrs. E. O. Wren's display of humanity to those who were suffering in the hospitals in and around Washington, from diseases or wounds incurred in the late rebellion.

I was lying in Stanton Hospital, suffering from a severe wound. The surgeons, as I was subsequently informed, had *very slight* hopes of my recovery; Mrs. Wren, as was her custom, visited the hospital, and observing my dejected, as well as emaciated state, her motherly feelings were touched, and taking compassion on me she took me to her home, and treated me as kindly as though I had been her own son.

I can bear witness of her beneficence, not only in my own case, but in many others.

JERRY H. POST.

No. 14.

In the spring of 1867, her means becoming limited, it was suggested to her by friends that perhaps a position as Matron or in the Treasury might be obtainable. She tried; was referred from this official to the other one, wasting her little means and time in vain effort.

This letter from General Barlow, indorsed by General Howard, explains itself.

(COPY.)

New York, *Feb. 9, 1867.*

MY DEAR SIR,—

Mrs. E. O. Wren served as Matron in my regiment (the 61st N. Y. V.), in 1862, and was afterward a good deal in the army hospitals. She is now seeking a position as Matron in one of the public institutions. All the men who were under her charge have a high opinion of her kindness and success as nurse, and she was faithful and competent. Will you give her some information as to the position she seeks.

FRANCIS C. BARLOW.

ISAAC BELL, Esq.

Washington, D. C., *March 2, 1867.*

I take great pleasure in concurring with General Barlow in his estimate and recommendation of Mrs. Wren. She had four sons in the army, and, I hope, may get employment.

O. O. HOWARD, Maj.-Gen. Com.

No. 15.

(COPY.)

To the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury the Hon. HUGH McCULLOCH.

We, the undersigned, highly recommend to your favorable notice, Mrs. E. O. Wren, as a humanitarian. She voluntarily served in the field and army hospitals during the entire late rebellion; also four of her sons served in the 61st Regiment, New York Volunteers, with credit and honor, as her papers will show. She also expended much of her means, and is now desirous of obtaining a situation in the Treasury, which will be accepted by her with gratitude, if you will please to grant it.

Gen. FRANCIS C. BARLOW, New York.	Lieut. J. OWENS.
Col. S. W. CONE, New York.	Lieut. C. BERGEN,
Capt. J. WHITHY, War Dep't.	Surgeon VOGELL, Washington.
Capt. CHAS. RIPLEY, 61st N. Y. V.	Surgeon RUGGLES, Washington.
Capt. JERVIS COOK, 61st N. Y. V.	Surgeon BAEKER, Brooklyn.
Capt. E. JACKSON, 61st N. Y. V.	Surgeon F. OLIVER, Buffalo.
Capt. D. HENRIQUES, 61st N. Y. V.	Surgeon W. G. OLIVER, Buffalo.
Lieut. R. H. ELLIS, Q. M. U. S.	Surgeon VAN SKILLINE, Brooklyn.
D. E. GREGORY, Adjutant.	Surgeon P. BYRON, New Orleans.
Lieut. J. WELCH.	Surgeon PAGE, Washington.

All the papers pertaining to her application for a position in the Treasury were returned in the summer of 1868. In the interim, Mrs. Wren saw that it would soon become a necessity for her to present her case as an urgent one to Congress, and set about getting together the certificates numbered from No. 16 to No. 34 inclusive.

No. 16.

(COPY.)

War Department, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Office Chief Disbursing Officer, Wash'n, D. C., *April 13, 1869.*

I hereby certify that I knew Mrs. Wren through the war, and can truly say that her labors in the hospitals and camps for the benefit of our sick and wounded soldiers were ceaseless and untiring. I sincerely hope she may be compensated in some way by the government for her labors.

Respectfully,

GEO. W. BALLOCH, Brev. Brig.-Gen. Vols.

I concur.

O. O. HOWARD, Brev. Maj.-Gen., U. S. A.

No. 17.

Brooklyn, *Feb.* 19, 1868.

This is to certify that I have known Mrs. Wren for some years, and know her to be an honorable, worthy, and patriotic lady, having sent four sons into the army, besides giving her own services wherever available, in behalf of the afflicted soldier.

Hoping that this will further the object she has in view,

I remain yours, &c.,

A. D. RUGGLES, M. D.

Late Surgeon, 69th N. Y. Vols., and Examining Surgeon,
Pennsylvania, for District of Columbia.

No. 18.

Brooklyn, *Feb.* 28, 1869.

It becomes my pleasant duty to say that any place in the gift of the United States Government, however exalted, is not too much for Mrs. Wren, as I can cheerfully testify that she accompanied my regiment, camped on the field, and where other females hesitated or refused to go—which was always where she could do most good,—at any sacrifice, she went. Many men now dead, have died easier through her tender care. Many of our boys would now be dead, only for the same care, and all of her time and means has she cheerfully and freely given for nothing.

Respectfully,

GEO. B. ELMORE, late Capt. Co. H, 61st Reg't, N. Y. V.

No. 19.

Brooklyn, L. I., N. Y., *March* 1, 1869.

I would most respectfully state that I have known Mrs. Wren for *twelve* years. At the breaking out of the war, in 1861, she sold out her household, and I, myself, assisted her in putting up fine hospital stores, lint, &c. I know her to be a most worthy lady, and am also certain that the services she rendered the country, during the war, have undermined her constitution, for her health ever since has been very precarious.

Most truly,

MRS. ELLEN LANAGAN.

No. 20.

This is to certify that the bearer, Mrs. E. O. Wren, to our knowledge, prepared lint and salve for the soldiers, when she and her four sons—George, Oliver, John, and Fred—started for the war, in 1861, and that she sold all her household stuff, and bought jars to preserve different fruit for

the same benevolent purpose, and did not return to Brooklyn until 1866, during which time she did her best endeavors to alleviate the sufferings of the soldiers; she also went to expense herself to purchase things for them.

We are, yours respectfully,

CECILIA MOORE.
MARY JANE MOORE.
JULIA MINER.

No. 220 Atlantic Street, Brooklyn.

No. 21.

Brooklyn, *March 1, 1869.*

I can testify to Mrs. Wren's leaving her home, at the breaking out of the rebellion, with her four sons, to serve the government, herself to act as Matron, or any other position where she could be useful in assisting in the care of wounded soldiers. Have also known her personally, for a number of years, and can assert that she is every way worthy of the deepest respect, and a perfectly responsible and reliable person.

MARY FAWCETT,
Second Assistant, Grammar School No. 12, N. Y.

No. 22.

Brooklyn, L. I., *March 2, 1869.*

I have known Mrs. E. O. Wren for a number of years and can confidently recommend her as a conscientious lady, of good moral deportment, with excellent business qualities.

I also know that she went, with her four sons, in the 61st New York Regiment of Volunteers, in the year 1861, being of the first to volunteer their services in defense of our Union.

Yours truly,
THEO. VAN SKELLINE, M. D.

No. 23.

Brooklyn, *March 11, 1869.*

I certify that Mrs. Eleanor Wren left this city at the breaking out of the war to serve as Matron in the Federal hospitals. Also know her to be a perfectly responsible and reliable lady in every way, having known her a number of years as such.

GEORGE A. LANIGAN,
Chief Engineer of the Leary Line.

No. 24.

Williamsburgh, L. I., *April 7, 1869.*

We beg to say that we have known Mrs. Wren for many years, and know her to be a most worthy, humane lady; also, that she entered the army in 1861, and did not return North until 1866. We know that she has rendered good services in the army and hospitals, and that her health has suffered in consequence.

Very respectfully,

Miss R. VAN SKELLINE.

MRS. M. VAN SKELLINE.

No. 25.

Brooklyn, N. Y., *April 7, 1869.*

I would most cheerfully recommend the said Mrs. Wren as being intelligent, virtuous, humane, and charitable, having known her as a neighbor for some time, and faithfully believe she rendered good service in the army, and that her health is very poor.

Respectfully,

Your friend,

MRS. DR. IRWIN.

No. 26.

This certifies that I witnessed the loyal self-sacrifice of Mrs. E. O. Wren, for the comfort of the sick and wounded soldiers, during the late rebellion, and that, in addition to her four sons, she gave more than the average of a woman's power to sustain the National cause.

In consequence of these exertions she is now prematurely prostrated in health and strength, and is, in my judgment, justly entitled to the beneficent consideration of the government, which she sacrificed so much to sustain.

JOHN BEESON.

Brooklyn, *April 8, 1869.*

No. 27.

Washington, *April 12, 1869.*

I have been acquainted with Mrs. Wren for several years, and know her to be an honorable, generous, and patriotic lady. I can also testify to her efficiency as a physician, having been permanently benefited by her treatment.

Very respectfully,

JEANIE FOSTER.



No. 28.

Washington, D. C., *April 13, 1869.*

We, the undersigned, take great pleasure in saying we know Mrs. E. O. Wren to be a lady of extraordinary qualifications, also reliable, in every sense of the word. We know that she has served as Matron in the army, and, by her mode of treatment, in a medical way, has alleviated the sufferings of hundreds of soldiers, and has gladdened many a heart by preparing comforts with her own hands, and at her own expense, for them. We also believe that, in her untiring efforts to be of benefit to others, she has materially impaired her own health.

MRS. S. H. HUGUELY.

GEO. W. HUGUELY.

MRS. C. W. HUGUELY.

No. 29.

Washington, D. C., *April 15, 1869.*

We, the undersigned, have known Mrs. Wren some years; we know that when she lived on K Street, she cured many of the Union soldiers; we never heard she took any pay; she was respected as a good woman, always willing to assist the afflicted.

She made a permanent cure of an obstinate disease in our own family.

R. H. HARRISON.

THOMASINE HARRISON.

No. 30.

Washington City, *April 15, 1869.*

I hereby certify that I am a property-holder in the city of Washington, and I know Mrs. Wren, who came to this city in the early part of the rebellion to look after the Union soldiers. I further certify that she did rent of me my two houses, Nos. 444 and 441, from the fall of the year 1862, to the fall of the year 1865, and I do know that Mrs. Wren did good service to the Union cause, by the number of soldiers, sick and wounded, that I and my family have seen come to her house to be nursed. We resided next door; and I also know that when our street was thronged with weary soldiers, some dying with fatigue after the second Bull Run battle, Mrs. Wren opened her doors and took the worst cases in, and they were fed like babies with a spoon with black tea and brandy for four and five hours, until consciousness returned. By her example others were induced to give succor. I do know that she devoted all her time, for those three years, to the care of our soldiers, not only at her own home, but visiting the camps and hospitals, attending the poor soldiers, and carrying them nourishment

and I know that she has made some wonderful cures by her method of treatment. In no case have I heard of her receiving a cent of money from a soldier, but I often heard her say, "I have given four sons to the cause of America, and if I had twenty I should give them all." I believe her to be an enthusiastic English woman, who came to this country twenty-two years ago, and who appreciated our laws and institutions in preference to monarchical government, and considered she owed a debt of gratitude to her adopted country.

JOHN WEST and his wife E. WEST.

No. 31.

Washington City, *April* 16, 1869.

We can sincerely and with great pleasure testify that from Mrs. Wren's treatment we have both derived great benefit. She attended and prescribed for several members of our family in long and painful illness, and all she did for us we shall ever remember most gratefully. She has proved herself both friend and physician in every instance.

Mrs. Wren has ever been a true and loyal woman, and during the late rebellion devoted herself and family to the cause of the Union and in caring for the sick and wounded soldiers engaged in that cause.

MRS. S. SCHREINER.

MRS. LIZZIE COX.

No. 32.

Dunkirk, N. Y., *April* 16, 1869.

"To all whom it may concern."

I was a resident of Washington, D. C., during the late rebellion, and being a fellow-worker with Mrs. Eleanor Wren, can testify to her many acts of kindness and charity to both *wounded* and *well* of Uncle Sam's soldiers. She did not leave Washington City until the latter part of September, 1865, and up till that time was an able *worker* in the good cause. By her good example many others in the neighborhood were induced to succor the wounded and dying. Just after the battle of Antietam, when the hospitals were crowded and many lay under stoops and verandas, and even the market stalls were thronged, Mrs. Wren's house became a place of rest for many of the wounded men, and pail after pail of tea, coffee, and soup was served out to the *sick*; and those who were so far gone that life seemed almost extinct were resuscitated by Mrs. Wren with black tea and brandy. Let me here state that, at the commencement of the war, Mrs. Wren put her two young daughters away to board, and, like the true patriotic woman she has *proved* herself to be, followed her *four* sons to the field. I assisted her seven weeks previous to her going, in packing up hospital stores amounting to hundreds of dollars. In fact the money spent by *my* knowledge alone by Mrs. Wren during the war, would, if summed up, be a small fortune, all of said money being her pri-

vate property; I also know that hundreds of men used to come from the hospitals around Washington to Mrs. Wren's house to have their wounds dressed, when the different battles (too numerous to name) filled the hospitals to overflowing. I can testify that for her many attentions and services, Mrs. Wren never accepted any pay or remuneration *whatever*.

I remain with respect, &c.,

MRS. GEORGE S. NORRIS.

No. 33.

Georgetown, D. C., *April 16, 1869.*

The year of 1864, I knew Mrs. Wren to be indefatigable in her ministrations to the sick and wounded soldiers, have met them at her house, and can truly testify to her charity as a most faithful nurse, friend, and Christian to the poor soldiers. Hoping that government may reward her in a substantial and suitable way.

MRS. FERRER LAFLIN.

No. 34.

Washington City, *April 17, 1869.*

We, the undersigned, are well acquainted with Mrs. Wren, being neighbors for several years during the late war. We can certify to her being an honorable and worthy lady. She was very kind to the soldiers during the rebellion; she conferred upon them many acts of kindness; she was always ready and willing to attend the sick and wounded men at all times, day or night. She is truly worthy of all she asks.

Respectfully,

SARAH PENDEL.

T. F. PENDEL.

Your petitioner begs your kind consideration of her claims for remuneration; and, as in duty bound, she will ever pray for the welfare of each individual composing an impartial and just Congress.

MRS. E. O. WREN.





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